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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear sir or madam:

If Microsoft wishes to settle this case, please do not allow them to use what may look like generosity to capture a new market share. Microsoft has proposed to offer millions of dollars of support to the education market, which I fully support. However, this cannot come in the form of free Microsoft software which would cost Microsoft next to nothing to provide while at the same time extending their monopoly into the schools. If this settlement is considered by the DOJ, please ensure that Microsoft pays in cash, not assets, with no strings attached, so that the schools are free to choose the software that they need in each individual situation. Please take these issues into consideration, and thank you for your time.

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